



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

*Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*I can be reached at [gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov)*

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*Yours in Service,*

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



## MAYOR HAPPENINGS

### #Finish522

On Wednesday February 6, 2019, we had an awesome day meeting with legislators in Olympia to #Finish522. We received really great feedback and support for the remaining two phases of SR522.

THANK YOU to the following people who joined me: Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low, City of Duvall Mayor Amy Ockerlander, Monroe City Councilmember Jim Kamp, Monroe Planning Commissioner Heather Rousey, Eric and Lynn Wood, Steve Kautz, Erin Angus-Snapka, Faviola Cripe, Scott Peterson, and Pam Baker. It was really important that you were there to share how SR522 has impacted your lives with our legislators. Thank you.

THANK YOU to the following legislators who met with us: Representative Eslick, Senator Dhingra, staff from Senator Hobbs's Office, Senator Liias, Senator Guy Palumbo, Senator King, Representative Fey, Representative Barkis, Representative Kloba, Representative Wylie, Representative Lovick, Representative Goodman, Representative Springer, Representative Walen, and Representative Stanford. We value the work you do and your advocacy for the people you represent. Thank you for listening to us and for your time and efforts.

Jerry Cornfield from the Everett Herald joined part of our group in the meeting with Representative Barkis. Thank you for taking the time to cover this issue that is so important to so many people in our area.

THANK YOU, AI and AJ from Strategies 360, Mayor Amy Ockerlander from the City of Duvall, and Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low, for helping us meet with so many legislators!

It was a pleasure talking with so many people today about the need to #Finish522. I look forward to continued conversations and hopefully funding to #Finish522. THANK YOU!!!

For more info, please "like" Finish522 on Facebook.

### Mayor

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### Councilmembers

Kevin Hanford, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

Ed Davis

Jason Gamble

Jim Kamp

Jeff Rasmussen

Kirk Scarboro

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

02/11	Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
02/12	City Council Finance/HR Committee Mtg City Hall, Council Conference Room; 6PM  City Council Regular Business Meeting City Hall, Council Chambers; 7PM

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**City of Monroe**  
**Year-to-Date Comparisons**

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$5,202,980

'18 to 12/31/18: \$5,227,287

**UP \$24,307 or 0.46%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 12/31/17: \$1,621,391

'18 to 12/31/18: \$1,333,345

**DOWN \$288,046 or -17.76%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$83,861

'18 to 12/31/18: \$88,063

**UP \$4,203 or 5.01%**

Business License Fees

'17 to 12/31/17: \$50,642

'18 to 12/31/18: \$49,949

**DOWN \$693 or 1.36%**

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$617,823

'18 to 12/31/18: \$752,468

**UP \$135,445 or 21.95%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 12/31/17: \$41,041

'18 to 12/31/18: \$61,285

**UP \$20,244 or 49.32%**

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 12/31/17: 138

'18 to 12/31/18: 190

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 12/31/17: 24

'18 to 12/31/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 12/31/17: 3,001

'18 to 12/31/18: 2,466

## CITY HAPPENINGS

### Wiggly Field Fencing Update

We have recognized that the fencing at Wiggly Field is in need of an upgrade. Mayor Thomas and our City Council have supported this by allocating funds to replace and upgrade the fence, which is now complete. The new fencing features a taller height, double-gate entry points, and upgraded plastic mesh fencing that will be annually installed after each flood season (usually between the months of April–October). Please feel free to contact Parks & Recreation Director Mike Farrell if you have further questions at (360) 863-4557 or [mfarrell@monroewa.gov](mailto:mfarrell@monroewa.gov).

### Unified Development Regulations (UDR) Update -- Public Hearing

On February 11, 2019, the City's Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review amendments to the city's zoning code and development regulations. These proposed amendments to the land use code will:

- Develop a greater emphasis on manufacturing uses in the light industrial zone by generally removing commercial and service based uses, such retail and restaurants. However, the proposal would continue to allow commercial and service-based businesses in the buildings fronting Frylands Boulevard.
- Allow for a greater range of uses on many commercial properties (vicinity of Frylands and US-2) impacted by the airport restrictions
- Institute moderate design guidelines for commercial, single, and multifamily structures
- By March 2019, align the adopted Comprehensive Plan future land use map/designations with the proposed zoning map
- Establish a new tourist commercial zone adjacent to the fairgrounds
- Expand the area within the City where mobile vendors, such as food trucks, are allowed to operate

Please note, regardless of the proposed code amendments, all lawfully-established businesses may continue operations as legally nonconforming businesses. To learn more about the proposed changes and how they help the community address its growth and development issues, visit the city's website at: [monroewa.gov/639/Unified-Development-Regulations](http://monroewa.gov/639/Unified-Development-Regulations).

We encourage interested parties to attend the February 11th Planning Commission meeting to comment on the new land use code. If you have questions, or would like to discuss how these changes could affect your business, please contact Shana Restall, Principal Planner at [SRestall@monroewa.gov](mailto:SRestall@monroewa.gov) or call 360-863-4608.

## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, February 12, 2019, City Council Regular Business Meeting includes a Public Hearing, Proclamation: Black History Month; Contracts; Resolutions; Ordinances, and more. For more information click [here](#). See you then!

### City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings

- Ethics Boardmember (4)
- HPAC Member (9 to 11)
- LTAC Member (Hotelier)
- Salary Commissioner

[www.monroewa.gov/vacancies](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)

### Job Openings

- Lateral Police Officer
- Senior Planner (Parks)

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